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Dear Chairman:

As you know, I have written you twice before about the REX pipeline expansion that is occurring in my district. The first letter expressed my support on behalf of the local community leaders and REX to work together to resolve the dispute on the alignment of this pipeline. My second letter was to praise a proposed compromise that REX and local community leaders had reached.

This letter will raise the concern of local leaders being informed that FERC's staff has not recommend this compromise plan for approve by FERC'S Board. It's my understanding that FERC compares the two routes in its FEIS report and determined that both routes have the same environmental impact to the area.

What this FEIS study doesn't include is the cultural impact that these routes create. For example the compromise route which follow's the proposed Macon beltway, has very little impact on future home sites and the growth of Mt. Zion. This compromised route also save taxpayer dollars because it limits the number of times the pipeline crosses the Macon beltway. The original route doesn't provide any of these economic benefits.

With a study showing no clear difference between these proposed routes and the potential to save taxpayers dollars, I would encourage your staff and you to look at the FEIS study and the concerns of these local leaders, when determining a final route for this REX Pipeline. I hope the time and energy that local leaders and members of REX have spent working on a compromised solution that show no FEIS difference and a clear advantage for taxpayers would be at least considered for final approval.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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